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Classified By: Minister Counselor for Legal Affairs, Carolyn L. Willson  
, for reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (S) BEGIN SUMMARY: At its eleventh meeting on May 29, the Management Committee for the Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL) briefly discussed, but did not decide upon, a proposal to pay the Lebanese judges a stipend during the period after they are relocated from Lebanon but before they begin working full-time for the STL. The Dutch Mission's Legal Adviser also advised that the Dutch expect to have identified apartments in The Hague for the Lebanese judges by the week of June 23. The Dutch will provide that list to the UN, and a working group of the Committee, comprising the Chairperson, representatives of DSS and the Office of Legal Affairs, and STL Registrar Robin Vincent, would decide upon the apartments. END SUMMARY.

[1](#)2. (S) STL Registrar Robin Vincent briefed Committee members on his proposal for remunerating the Lebanese judges after they are relocated from Lebanon to The Hague (ref A). The Lebanese judges are expected to be relocated next fall when the judges hold their first meeting to prepare the STL's draft rules of procedure and evidence. Vincent said the STL should begin paying the Lebanese judges their STL salaries until the judges begin working full-time for the STL, which will not occur until well after the judges' first meeting. Instead, he recommended that the STL pay each judge the UN's Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) rate for The Hague (USD 391), as well as half of that rate for family members (USD 195.50), for 30 days, for an approximate total cost for all of the judges and their families of USD 117,300. After 30 days, only the judges - not their family members - would receive the DSA, which would be reduced again after 60 days. The judges would not receive additional compensation for STL-related work during that period.

[1](#)3. (S) Lebanese Deputy Permanent Representative Caroline Ziade agreed to seek clarification from Beirut on whether Lebanon would continue to pay the Lebanese salaries after they are relocated from Lebanon but before they begin working full-time for the STL. She said she thought Lebanon would not do so and that the STL should pay the Lebanese judges an allowance to defray their housing costs in The Hague. She also agreed to inquire whether on the status of Lebanon's

plans to establish a blind trust to provide the "risk allowance" that the Lebanese judges have requested (refs F-M). The Committee agreed to continue to consider Vincent's proposal after receiving clarifications from the Lebanese.  
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